

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA H	FORM NO. 404
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108



1 Lexington  
Address 12 Glen Road  
Historic Name John Ballard  
House

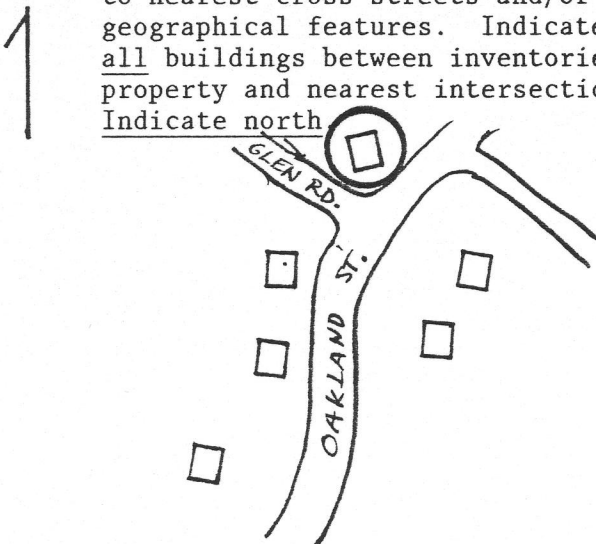
Present residential  
Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Year 1907  
Source Minute Man, Aug 10, 1907  
stylistic analysis

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north



Style Colonial Revival  
Architect A.C. Washburn, builder  
Exterior wall fabric clapboards  
Outbuildings garage

Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage .2 A. (9577 ft.<sup>2</sup>)

Setting Residential street of late  
nineteenth century, slightly more modest  
in scale than those on the rest of Meriam  
Hill.

Recorded by Anne Grady

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date March, 1984

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and  
evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

Similar in character to the house at 35 Meriam Street, <sup>(#386)</sup> this house exhibits on a more modest scale features common to Meriam Hill: bay windows, broad eaves, and porches with turned posts.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

Glen Road was one of the last streets to be developed on Meriam Hill. Only on this street and Upland Road adjacent were some of the houses built speculatively.

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1906 atlas

# INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town  
LEXINGTON

Property Address  
12 GLEN ROAD  
Area(s) Form No.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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## HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

On August 10, 1907 the *Lexington Minute-man* reported that:

The house on Oakland street, built last winter by Mr. A.C. Washburn, the well known contractor, opposite the Ferguson residence [29 Oakland Street, #379], has been sold by Mr. Washburn. The purchaser is Mr. John F. Ballard, who will take possession of the premises the first of September. The house is a well built, modern structure and is similar in style to the house of Mr. Chas. H. Miles on Merriam Street [35 Meriam Street, #386]. It has ten rooms, so is commodious as well as conveniently arranged.

A.C. Washburn had sold another house at 6 Upland Road to John Ballard's sister, Mrs. Fred Cloyes, in April 1906.

John F. Ballard worked as a salesman in Boston. He and his wife Alice were still living at 12 Glen Road in 1942.

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